

CHAPTER 6

RESTORATION PRIORITIES IN THE EAST FORK CLARK'S RIVER WATERSHED

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6.1. BACKGROUND.

The Watershed Water Quality Management Plan serves as a comprehensive inventory of resources and stressors in the watershed, a recommendation for control measures, and a guide for planning activities in the next five-year watershed cycle and beyond. Water quality improvement will be a result of implementing both regulatory and nonregulatory programs.

In addition to the NPDES program, some state and federal regulations, such as the TMDL and ARAP programs, address point and nonpoint issues. Construction and MS4 stormwater rules (implemented under the NPDES program) have transitioned from Phase 1 to Phase 2. More information on stormwater rules may be found at: <http://www.state.tn.us/environment/wpc/stormh2o/MS4.htm>.

6.2.C. Year 5 Public Meeting. The third scheduled East Fork Clark's River Watershed public meeting was held October 18, 2005 at the Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park Museum. The meeting was held jointly with the Tennessee Western Valley (KY Lake) Watershed and the meeting featured six educational components:

- Overview of draft Watershed Water Quality Management Plan slide show
- Benthic macroinvertebrate samples and interpretation
- SmartBoard™ with interactive GIS maps
- "How We Monitor Streams" self-guided slide show
- "Why We Do Biological Sampling" self-guided slide show
- TVA display

In addition, citizens had the opportunity to make formal comments on the draft Watershed Water Quality Management Plan.

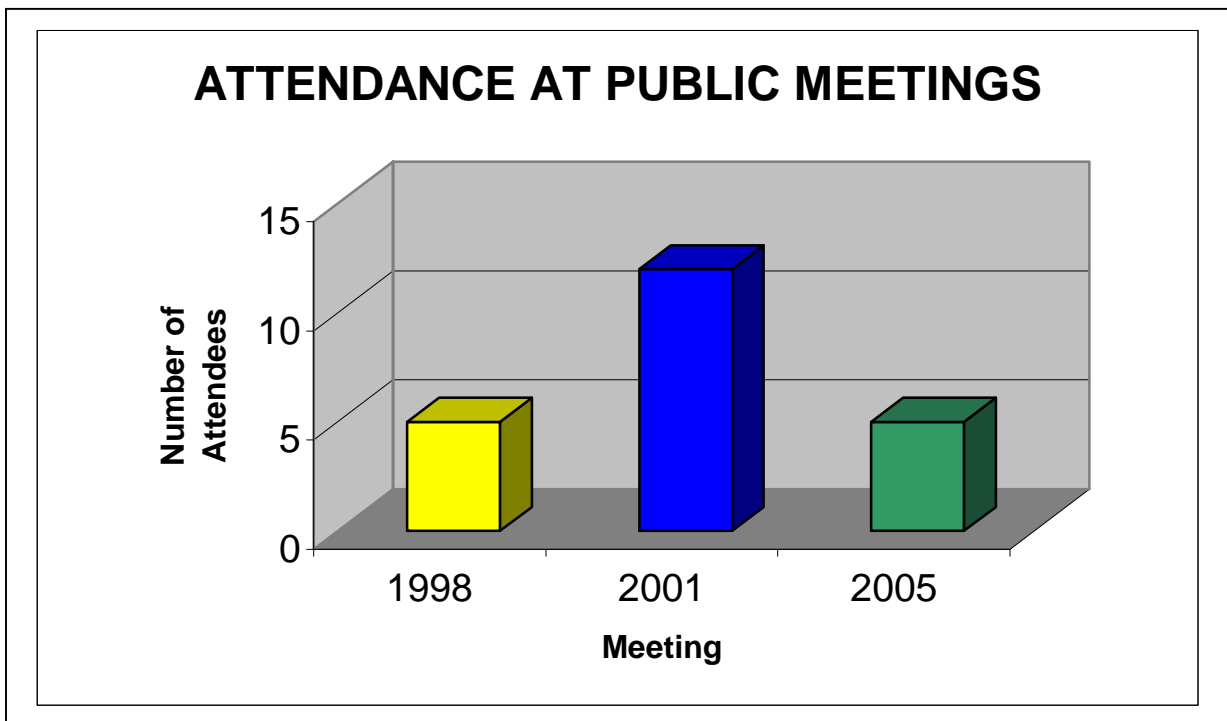


Figure 6-1. Attendance at Public Meetings in the East Fork Clark's River Watershed. 1998 attendance numbers represent Tennessee Western Valley (Beech River and KY Lake) Watersheds and East Fork Clark's River Watersheds joint meeting; 2005 meeting attendance number represents Tennessee Western Valley (KY Lake) and East Fork Clark's River Watersheds joint meeting. Attendance numbers do not include TDEC personnel.



Figure 6-2. The Watershed Meeting Comes to Order as Pat Patrick, Manager of the Jackson Environmental Field Office, Welcomes Participants.



Figure 6-3. The SmartBoard™ is an Effective Interactive Tool to Teach Citizens About the Power of GIS.